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THD Board Motions

May 11th Meeting:

««Voted to send a letter to the City Planning Department, in connection with Discretionary Review of the project, protesting the planned reduction in dwelling units at 1440-42-44-46 Kearny Street above Union from four (4) moderately priced one-bedroom apartments to two (2) luxury three-bedroom apartments including off-street parking. The building owner has held the four existing units off the rental market since she acquired the building about two years ago. Ted Brown and Associates are the architects. (Under Prop M, the City Planning Commission requires Discretionary Review for any alterations that

June 8th Board Meeting:

result in the loss of dwelling units.)

««Voted to send a letter to the City Planning Department, in connection with Discretionary Review of the project, protesting the planned reduction in dwelling units at 100 Alta Street at Montgomery from seven units to five units by combining four (4) one-bedroom apartments into two (2) two-bedroom apartments. (Owner subsequently decided to combine two (2) studio units into one (1) one-bedroom apartment resulting in the loss of only one dwelling unit.)

««Voted to mail first class postcard announcements of the THD discount ticket offering for San





The City's 1993-94 budget crisis has been solved without resorting to the permanent closing of the North Beach Pool or eviscerating further cuts in service hours at the North Beach Branch of the Public Library.

Your Board of Directors actively supported lobbying efforts that succeeded in preserving the shaky status of these vital neighborhood institutions. But already we're being served notice that next year's budget shortfall may require another \$100 million in spending cuts. "Without strong action and cooperation," Board of Supervisors Budget Committee

Chair Carole Migden tells me, "I'm afraid it will be impossible to protect many of the most basic services we were only barely able to save this year."

Failure of the State voters in November to extend the half-cent sales tax beyond yearend, she warns, that alone would result in a \$22 million shortfall in San Francisco's Health



Department programs next year. Supervisor Migden will discuss the City's continuing fiscal crisis and answer questions at our General Membership Meeting September 20th at the Fior d'Italia.

THD will again cosponsor an Issues Night on Novemberballot measures in October. You will receive a notice of the time and venue.

Two years ago, the North Point Center temporarily removed 16 thriving evergreen ficus trees along its Bay Street facade for scaffolding work on the building exterior, promising to replace them with Victorian Box trees when the work was finished. But eventually only 13 trees were replanted leaving a huge gap on the sidewalk in front of the center.

Long time THD'er Jack Early, namesake of the park that now graces so-called Alcatraz Heights at the upper reaches of Pfeiffer Alley, had been monitoring this entire proceeding and dogged the management of North Point Center about honoring its commitment. His persistence finally paid off, sort of: three new Victorian Box trees were planted in July on Francisco Street along the Francisco Middle School playground, courtesy of North Point Center with kudos to the Mayor of Alcatraz Heights.

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President's Message

From Bob Tibbits



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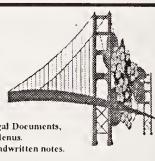
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Sounds of the symphony will resonate through Davies Hall on Thursday, September 9th, as the largest THD group in recent history listens to San Francisco's world-class orchestra present the Fourteenth Annual All San Francisco Concert.

This event is part of the Gala Opening Week of the San Francisco Symphony's 1993-94 season.

Led by Music Director Herbert Blomstadt, the program includes Prelude to Act I of *Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg* by Wagner, the *Violin concerto in A Minor, Opus 53* by Dvorak, featuring soloist Miriam Fried, *The Moldau* by Smetana, and Brodin's *Polovtsian Dances* from *Prince Igor*.

This year the seventy tickets allotted to our neighborhood group went fast and were all spoken for before the deadline. If interest continues to be high, we may need a lottery next year!

Sunday, September 12th from 12-4 pm, is our annual picnic at Coit Tower. The social committee is working hard on a theme of "Picnic, Fun and Games" with a new emphasis on games. We'll have card tables, chairs and a variety of games, such as dominoes, backgammon, chess, checkers, etc. to play and linger over as the day goes on.

For those of you who have been secretly practicing hula hooping at home all year, you will have your chance to test your skill again this year.

Add to that, such new additions as a scavenger hunt, chicken little egg toss, and a strong side of the hill tug-of-war, and it promises to be a day of fun.

As usual, the delicious gourmet foods bought by our members will fill up the picnic tables and disappear completely by the end of the day. Come early and enjoy the fun and games. We hope to see you at the picnic.

Circle Monday, September 20th, on your calendar if you'd like to hear more about the City and County's budget and its implications to our neighborhood. Supervisor Carole Migden, Chair of the Budget Committee, will address this topic at our General Membership Dinner Meeting at Fior d'Italia Restaurant. Your questions will be encouraged after her speech so be ready to voice your concerns and suggestions.

Social committee members are also working on an author book-signing and cocktail party for the fall or early winter. If you have thoughts and/or contacts with possible guest authors, please let us know.

Finally, the holidays will be here sooner than we think - so save Sunday, December 12th for our festive get-together. Any creative new (or old) ideas will be welcomed. Please call Jarilyn Cerruti, Social chair, at 421-3820.

THD Social News

by Jarilyn Cerruti



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Speaking of trees... What could be more fitting to celebrate the 40th anniversary of our prestigious organization than planting 40 (more) trees on Telegraph Hill, an idea spawned by ex-President Rod Freebairn-Smith. The hill has been divided into 11 two-to three-block sectors to survey for three or four potential tree planting sites in each area.

Volunteer groups will be formed to persuade property owners and select appropriate trees in consultation with Friends of the Urban Forest. The campaign will be kicked off later this month with a ceremonial first tree planting on Montgomery Street near the corner of Union along side of Speedy's grocery and deli. This tree will replace a vandalized old, now-dead sycamore that was originally planted by the THD in memory of Silvio L. Cavelli in 1965! More on Silvio in the next *Semaphore*.

Earlier this summer, some 40 concerned citizens from all over San Francisco (including your President) met with Mayor Frank Jordan to express our serious reservations about the proposed new Residential Conservation Controls that were scheduled to be adopted by the City Planning Commission in July.

The Mayor was very receptive to our pleadings against increased density, lot coverage (plus 20%) and parking congestion, to name a few obvious shortcomings of the proposed RCC's, that would permanently change the character of our neighborhoods. He assigned his top Administrative Aide, Jim Wunderman to work with a select committee from The League of San Francisco Neighborhoods on drafting an amendment to the existing 1978 Residential Code (that was promulgated under the leadership of the late ex-Planning Director Rai Okamoto) as a more neighborhood friendly alternative to the much maligned RCC's.

Finally, capping off a busy summer the Board of Supervisors voted to stop CalTrans from rebuilding the 1950's designed Bay Bridge-Embarcadero Freeway link known as the Terminal Separator Structure. CalTrans had insisted on going forward with a nearly exact replica of the TSS in order to avoid conducting any environmental assessment of its impact on the new Mid-Embarcadero Roadway, now that there will be no freeway to connect to, and without the benefit of any public hearings.

Through the herculean efforts of the City Planning Department under Project Director Rebecca Kohlstrand, Emilio Cruz from The Chief Administrator's Office and Jack Fleck from the Department of Parking and Traffic a 93 page Report to the Mayor was prepared in less than six months. Seven different alternatives to the estimated \$89 million replication of that ugly concrete spaghetti of freeway ramps (demolished this summer at a cost of \$13 million) were examined with a view toward comparable access to and from the bridge, but at less than half the cost and resulting in freeing up 8 to 10 acres of valuable downtown land for the tax rolls. This paves the way for joint environmental study with the Mid-Embarcadero Project (already underway) to be completed next year.

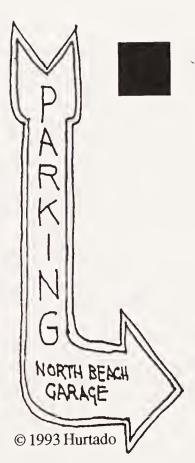
President's Message

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I Park, You Park, They Park

by Jerry Hurtado



The North Beach Garage located across from Central Police Station was built as a full service automobile repair shop in 1920, says proprietor Ray Baroni. Baroni had a Mohawk gasoline station at Lombard and Webster in 1956 when he was approached to take over the North Beach Garage. He has been running it every since.

It's not quite the business it was back then. At that time Baroni had a lot of monthly parking, mostly from residents of Telegraph Hill. Parking was \$10 a month inside and \$5 for the lot. "I used to shuttle them to their apartments and pick them up pretty much any time of the day or night, and they'd get their car washed once a week as part of the deal!" chuckled Baroni.

Today monthly parking is \$225 in the garage and \$185 on the lot. No car wash, sorry. But Baroni is quick to point out that those are competitive prices particularly when you consider that there are in-and-out privileges. Day parking 8AM to 6PM is \$8.00.

Since last July, Baroni has been operating on a month-to-month lease from the City which now owns the property. This is the site of the proposed new North Beach Garage the City intends to build.

The Telegraph Hill Dwellers (THD) have been following this proposed garage project closely because the City maintains that it is not feasible to build a new garage unless they are allowed to build a structure about twice as high as the existing garage, 25 to 35 feet over the legal height limit. The North Beach area has a 40-foot height limit on new structures to preserve the character of the neighborhood.

Through a series of community information meetings, the parking authority has shown no interest in the idea of digging down so that parking could be maximized without violating the neighborhood 40-ft height restriction.

On November 25, 1992, past THD president June Fraps wrote John Newlin, Executive Director of Parking & Traffic, and copied appropriate commissions and agencies: "The Board of Directors (of THD) wishes to reiterate the organization's position in support of additional parking

facilities in the neighborhood, consistent with the integrity of the area's prevailing 40-foot height limit. It opposes a new building 65 feet high, as has been proposed."

New THD President, Bob Tibbits, and the Board continue to remind the City that the Dwellers can not support any structure exceeding the 40-foot height limit.

THD'er Kitty Donnelly confirmed that at the San Francisco Community Relations meeting held at Central Police Station as recently as last July 15, 1993, John Newlin repeated his intention to push for a minimum of 65 feet height on this proposed new structure.

Herb Kosovitz, who has been monitoring this project for THD, questions why we have to have a new garage at all. He feels that the existing North Beach Garage and adjoining lot should remain.

"A larger facility on this block would create horrendous congestion. Additional parking in the financial district, with a shuttle to North Beach should be provided, encouraged and promoted. The millions earmarked for the new garage could better be used elsewhere," reasoned Kosovitz.

Baroni's right-hand man, Junior Broch, who has been working at the North Beach Garage since 1958 thinks once the police station is moved as planned, it will free up a lot of street parking. Broch pointed out that his garage usually has room and that he almost never turns anybody away.

Broch said, "This place should be a landmark building to keep it as it is. I want it to run like it does now. I don't want to work out of a coin booth. Here we are part of the community. I know people. They know me. They hand me their keys, and I take care of them. You won't get that kind of treatment in a new garage."

Larry Gambol, Baroni's son-in-law and an employee for the past ten years, views it this way, "We look at this as a family business, and we'd like to follow that path to leave something to the grandson. That's what North Beach has always been about -- family owned small businesses. It doesn't make a lot of sense to tear this down and then build the same thing. We're being kicked out so the City can to take it away from us. It's like a slap in the face. I'm pretty hurt by the whole thing".

STREET PARKING

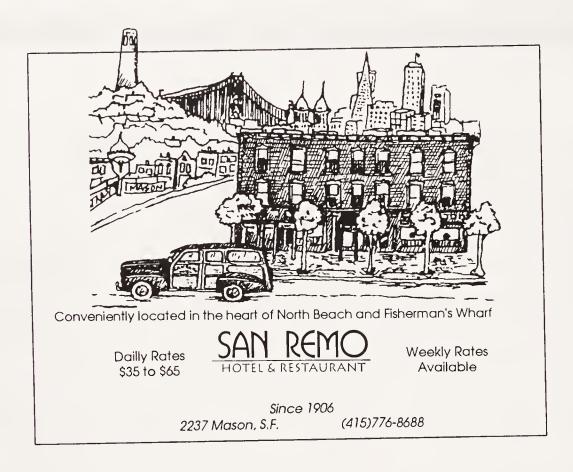
The new diagonal lines to control parking on the 500 block of Vallejo have been painted. Traffic Engineer, Ramon Zamora, worked with the Dwellers to make sure there was no loss of parking in this

"Out of Proportion"

At its August meeting

Garage

At its August meeting the Civic Design Review Committee of the Arts Commission unanimously rejected the conceptual design for the 65foot garage structure proposed by the Department of Parking and Traffic at Vallejo Street and Churchill Alley. Committee Chairman John Lund Kriken, FAIA, felt the mass of the project was totally out of proportion with the surrounding buildings and the exterior treatment was incompatible with the character of the street. The Department must now decide whether to submit a new garage proposal, presumably no more than 40 feet high, that will pass muster at design review, before going forward with an application to the Department of City Planning for a Conditional Use Permit. This would appear to obviate any need for a "spot" zoning approval in the 40-foot height limit North Beach Neighborhood Commercial District



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transition. In the past, neighbors often arrived at their car, only to find themselves pinned in on both sides. Getting a door open wide enough to enter proved to be a formidable problem. Sometimes this situation necessitated a person to crawl through a window to gain access to their vehicle. Hopefully with the control lines, that will be a thing of the past.

STREET CLEANING

The new street cleaning schedule for Broadway and most of Columbus is in effect. These two main arteries will receive street sweeping on both sides of the street seven days a week between the hours of 2:00AM and 6:00AM. The plan to include the area north of Bay Street from Van Ness to Embarcadero has been abandoned because of the serious outcry of the neighbors living there.

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ACCOMPLISHMENT

Parking & Transportation Committee Co-Chair, Nancy Katz, working with the City in behalf of THD pioneered the Residential Permit Parking Program. Our Area "A" resident's permit allows full day parking while limiting non-residents to two hours. Before this was set up, commuters working in the financial district, were taking up all the

hill's street parking. This program has helped to alleviate the shortage of daytime parking for the neighborhood. We all have to thank Nancy Katz, who is "on leave" as our parking watch-dog due to illness.

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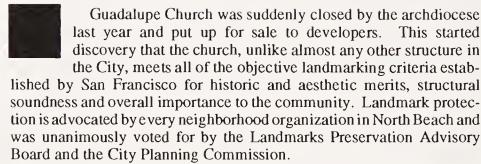
MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

Parking and traffic in North Beach and on Telegraph Hill continues to be an area of constant concern to residents and businesses here. Interested individuals are encouraged to join THD's Parking & Transportation Committee. We'd like to have representation from all over the Hill. There are many important City meetings to be covered by the THD. Volunteers are needed and welcome. Phone 788-7723!



Our Lady of Quadalupe Church Landmarking Delayed

by Patricia Cady



By the time this reached the Housing and Land Use Committee of the Board of Supervisors on August 5, the archdiocese had hired the highest priced political organizer in the State to launch a block-landmarking campaign which, ironically, may cost more than the worth of the property. At the llth hour, the archdiocese had decided to link the issue with its well-publicized intent to ease its financial straits by identifying several still-functioning churches as "surplus". Aside from the loss of its parishioners (dwindling numbers is the case City wide), Guadalupe Church is subject to *none* of the criteria, published by the archdiocese itself, for evaluating the fates of its buildings, many of which are unreinforced masonry structures. The claim was made that proceeds from the sale of the church were needed to establish scholarships for Catholic education.

Despite Supervisor Bierman's attempts to clarify that the issue before the Board was simply whether the church is indeed a City landmark, the decision to vote was postponed for six months in deference to the archdiocese, which will allow the pulpit-based campaign of intimidation to really take hold. For example, members of the Latino community, some of whose families privately funded and maintained the church for four generations, are forced to choose between loyalty to a cultural shrine, and obedience to parish priests who denounce them for it. People still come each day to place fresh flowers and candles before the locked doors.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church was built by and for Spanish-speaking families. It is the last remnant of the 19th Century community which settled and thrived in North Beach, known well into this century as the "Latin Quarter." Decades of earthquakes haven't fazed it, the first church on the west Coast built of reinforced concrete. It still sits in perfect condition, allegations of damage undetected and uncorroborated by any independent source. For many years, nothing was too good for the "Spanish Church." Here, composers-in-residence earned their living writing music. Luigi Brusatori, a famous painter from Italy, arrived to

fresco the interior, his angels' faces those of neighborhood children.

Stories are still told of diamond jewelry (dowry) taken apart to adorn the Madonna, of miraculous healing and lavish feast-day celebrations. More recently, people remember the afternoon light filtering through old stained glass windows to settle on them when they came in to light a candle before an icon brought by freighter from Mexico, or around the Horn from Europe.

As Latino families gradually relocated to other neighborhoods, the characteristically generous parish dwindled; the income it generated (once great enough to provide seed money to build new churches) was no longer sufficient. The archdiocese could see the sense in selling the land, which it had nothing to do with acquiring.

It was certainly a sad day to see good Catholics bussed to City Hall to have children present the claim that protecting this beautiful, historic church would deny them educations. Supervisor Shelley obtained agreement from the archdiocese that during the 6-month delay it would not sell or demolish either the church or the rectory, and would (finally) provide maintenance to prevent continued deterioration. No one suggests the archdiocese does not have the right to improve its financial condition by selling or

CRIME STATISTICS 1992 vs 1993

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TYPE Homocide Rape Robbery Assault Burglary Theft Auto	1992 0 1 26 26 23 139 30	1993 %CHANGE 1 2 15 28 37 79 44
Other	180	164
TOTAL	425	370 -12.94%
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developing some of its vast properties within the commercial marketplace. The question is whether this right includes profiting from the destruction of a genuine City landmark located in the heart of one of the world's most tourist-visited neighborhoods.





Alp Ozberker, Meister Printer

by Helen von Ammon



He signs his etchings ALP - not Alps; certainly not ALPO.
A native of Istanbul, Turkey Alp Ozberker studied in Paris,
France. At 6'3" about 200 pounds, full beard, Alp, not his
paintings, silly, is president of the *Artists' Guild of San Francisco*.

He's highly visible among these "street artists" (pejorative term!) and participates in all the open air exhibitions held monthly in Washington Square, Union Square, Golden Gate Park, the Marina Green and the Ferry Building.

Intrigued viewers ponder the meaning and symbolism of Alp's small, colorful, tightly controlled, enigmatical etchings, As a youthful deckhand aboard ships, he visited and lived in many countries. These arcane etchings are strongly influenced by his travels, especially Africa, "A magic continent."

Beautifully matted and framed, the etchings are from 2"x2" up to 18"x20", and range from \$40 to \$300. Travelers often prefer to buy unframed prints.

His intaglio prints are made by acid etching lines and texture on a copper or zinc plate. The cut grooves are filled with ink and dampened paper is laid over the plate, then rolled through a high pressure press.

Some prints are left black and white, others are water colored, each slightly different. Although small, each etching holds one's attention. Signed "Alp" in pencil, the edition number may be 50 or more.

In the 15th to 17th Century most engravings were done in unlimited numbers, signed only by the artist's symbol. In modern times, editions are limited, thus more rare and finite. Prints are signed and numbered in pencil as it does not bleed on the special rag content paper. Despite today's ball point pens, the pencil tradition remains.

His professional qualifications as artist and teacher, abroad and in the U.S., are impressive. And being a "street" artist is not demeaning to Alp. But, designing and etching the plate, making all the frames, being one's own promoter, maintaining a confident attitude, schlepping paintings in and out of his van is a lot of work. Pragmatic, with a firm grasp on reality, he sells directly to his collectors, most of whom are from Los Angeles, Europe and Japan.

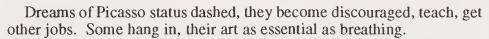
Alp Ozberker is not limited to etchings. His abstracts are large, colorful acrylics. This fast drying medium enables him to layer colors. It may take a few days or weeks to satisfactorily project on two-dimensional canvas his subconscious image. These paintings are space consuming at 4' or 5' x 8' and are costly.

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Artists are generally insecure; they have a lot to be insecure about. All must eat and pay rent. Where is the next paycheck coming from ... what about a hospitalization plan ...? The insecurity is projected to others which exacerbates the problem. The Bay Area, never egregiously generous to artists, is replete with dropouts among the 35,000 to 40,000 art degrees it spews out each year.



Alp believes that a collector is unwise to buy paintings as investments. Greedy galleries take as much as 70% of the painting's price, with 30% to the artist. Some galleries are educating the public to lower standards of value and quality at outrageous prices, Deservedly, many have gone belly up or moved.

In 1993 Washington Square will host Artists' Guild exhibitions on Saturday and Sunday, September 18-19, October 23-24, November 6-7 and December 4-5. Check it out.

A warm welcome to Joachim Santos, new Captain at Central Police Station, and a fond farewell to Captain Dennis Martel who has been given a new assignment. The members of THD wish both Joaquin and Dennis much success in their new duties. Another change at Central - Sgt. Dan Greely is now in charge of the Community Police Officer Program (CPOP), replacing Sgt. Richard Frost.

A reminder to the Dwellers about the next Police Community Relations meeting at Central Station on Thursday, September 16, at 7:30 pm. Laurel Pallock of the District Attorney's office will speak on Consumer Fraud. We'd like to see a greater THD participation at these meetings. They are interesting and informative, and the Captain (or his representative) is on hand to answer your questions or hear your complaints.





THD Committees Need You

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Hill's Angels

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Getting families together for fun with their children and to work on projects to improve our environment on Telegraph Hill.

Housing

Wells Whitney 398-5077

Preparing a study of housing issues to assist Board in the formulation of policy position on the hill's housing stock.

Landmarks and History Joe Luttrell 255-6400

Conducts walking tours that highlight Telegraph Hill's colorful past and historic buildings.

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Deals with chronic traffic and parking problems and monitors MUNI service.

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Oversees "greening of the Hill" to enlist neighbors in tree planting projects, working with Friends of the Urban Forest.

Presidio/GGNRA

Jordan Rosenberg 788-5338

Monitors and participates in planning for transfer of Presidio to Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

Planning and Zoning Jim Valenti 398-0076

Assists neighbors with zoning issues and Discretionary Reviews; represents THD positions before Planning Commission and works with developers and the City to protect neighborhood character.

Waterfront/Embarcadero

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Monitors DPW activities along the Embarcadero roadway and participates in Fisherman's Wharf citizen advisory group; also tracks Port Commission hearings.

STANDING COMMITTES

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Membership

Bob Ilse 291-0420

As prescribed in By-Laws for Financial Secretary

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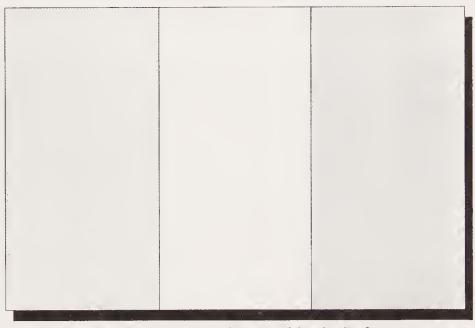
Jarilyn Cerruti 421-3820

Arranges social events, including quarterly membership meetings and get-acquainted social functions; organizes annual picnic.

Semaphore

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As prescribed in By-Laws for Editor of the Semaphore.



A Hearty Italian Town Meal

by Rozell Overmire



When the weather starts to cool down, either in the foggy summer or the clear cool days of our San Francisco Fall, I open my Italian cookbook and look for this recipe. Then I walk down to Little City Meats on Stockton and Vallejo for my supply of veal - the absolute best cuts in town! (Yes, it is true.) The lemons come from my lemon tree and Italian parsley and vegetables can usually be found at Rossi's Market on Columbus and Vallejo. The Telegraph Hill Cookbook Committee rated this recipe very high in their testing dinner.

VEAL SHANKS, MILANESE STYLE

4 lb. veal shanks, cut into 3 inch lengths

Salt and pepper

Flour

1/4 cup butter or margarine

1/4 cup olive oil

1 cup dry white wine

1 can tomatoes, drained (large can if you like tomatoes)

1 cup chicken broth (or less)

1/3 cup Italian parsley, chopped

3 cloves garlic, chopped fine (or put in garlic press)

Grated rind of 1 lemon

Optional: 3 chopped filets of anchovies

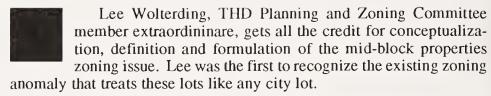
Rice and Italian Vegetables

Season veal shanks with salt and pepper; dredge with flour. Heat butter and oil in large skillet; brown veal shanks. Drain shanks and arrange upright in a heavy casserole or lidded roasting pan; add wine. Cover and cook slowly for 10 minutes or until wine is nearly cooked away. Add tomatoes and chicken broth and cook, covered, over low heat for 1 1/2 hours. Add salt and pepper if necessary, then transfer to a warm serving dish and pour sauce around shanks. Mix parsley, garlic, and lemon rind and sprinkle over shanks. If you like a sharper taste (Gremolata style), add 3 chopped filets of anchovies to the parsley, garlic and lemon mix. Serve at once with rice and vegetables. Serves six.

THD RECIPE CARD

Special Zoning Designation For Mid-block, Interior lots

by Jim Valenti



In the THD presentation to the City Planning Commission in June, we pointed out that there are 38 mid-block areas on Telegraph Hill accessed by dead-end alleys. Any increase in building density or lot coverage would have a particularly severe impact on open space and fire safety.

Lee documented the problem with a photo album illustrating each of the sites. Early settlement patterns on Telegraph Hill, it was noted, have created "a jungle of haphazard building which deprives residents of their rightful share of light and landscaping and confronts the Fire Department with potentially dangerous conditions in nearly inaccessible areas."

We requested the City Planning Commission declare a moratorium on any further development of these interior lots until reasonable controls are studied and proposed.

New controls will insure the preservation of what little open space remains. The San Francisco Fire Department is currently conducting their own inspection of these areas.



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Treasurer's Report

by Rita Buchfinck

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Community Support	214.00	214.00	600.00
Board Mtgs. & Comm Exp.	00.00	176.28	1200.00
Election Night Meeting	00.00	90.00	250.00
Presidents Fund	00.00	104.00	200.00
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Miscellaneous	100.00	246.00	41.00
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In the course of reviewing the proposed new Residential Conservation Controls, many of us have revisited the dictates of Prop M that were incorporated into the Residential Element of the City's Master Plan in 1986. Today Telegraph Hill Dwellers are confronted with new ingenious attempts to skirt those measures.

The Residential Element contains two priority policies: (a) that the City's supply of affordable housing be preserved and enhanced, and (b) that existing housing and neighborhood character be conserved and protected. One of the principle objectives underlying the carefully phrased wording of these Master Plan priorities was retention of the existing supply of housing and halting of the demolition of single family units and replacement with so-called "Richmond specials" in the mid 80's.

An analogous situation appears to be surfacing in our neighborhood in the 90's. Wealthy developers acquire a six-unit structure on a valuable parcel of hillside land and then virtually abandon the maintenance of these gerrymandered studio and one-bedroom apartments which are under the City's rent control ordinance. Because of the lack of enforcement of building code compliance, however, the existing renters eventually move out in disgust. Occasionally, relocation benefits and moving expenses are provided for the last diehard tenant. After the units have been deliberately held off the market for a short period of time, the structures are declared unsound. The developer pleads that it would be economically unfeasible to bring the building into compliance with current seismic and building codes. (Under the proposed RCC's the Zoning Administrator in the City Planning Department will somehow determine that the building is worthless. and the Bureau of Building Inspectors in the Department of Public Works and Bureau of Fire Prevention and Public Safety in the Fire Department must conclude that "demolition is the only feasible means to secure the public safety.")

After the planned demolition, a new building that completely fills the permitted height and density envelope will replace the six single-occupancy units with four multiple-occupancy units, including one ostensibly for the use of the owner/developer. (Under the proposed RCC's the building may cover up to 66% of the lot, or one-fifth more than the 55% coverage permitted in the 1978 codes.) Expansive views, sundecks, off-street parking and other new amenities will presumably attract premium rentals that may or

5 Years
Later
Prop M
Revisited
on
Telegraph
Hill

by Bob Tibbitts



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may not make the whole exercise economically worthwhile. But the developer remains confident a "last fool" will buy the upgraded property and his investment will be recovered plus a handsome profit. Garage doors instead of trees will then line the sidewalk. The shadows of high blank walls will empty neighbor's gardens. Sophisticated security systems will replace backyard fences. So much for the character of the neighborhood.

The second situation is more insidious. An enterprising developer buys six one-bedroom apartments in a sound, rent-controlled structure and gradually merges the existing units into, say, three two-bedroom apartments. Again, the objective is to get out from under rent controls by creating an owner-occupied building of four units or less. The new, slightly remodeled, more spacious two-bedroom units command higher current market level rents than derived from the old one-bedroom apartments, which had been under rent control. This is a viable economic proposition on Telegraph Hill where two-bedroom apartments are as scarce as parking spaces. But inexpensive housing for young business people, who enjoy the ambiance of our neighborhood and prefer to walk to work, has been removed from the city's stock of affordable housing.

Wait a minute. In the case of the "Telegraph Hill specials" the City's mandate under the Master Plan is to "take appropriate steps to discourage demolition of existing housing that is sound or capable of rehabilation, particularly where those units provide an affordable housing resource." And as for the consolidation of two or more existing residential units, the Residential Element stipulates that "The merger of units should not be approved if it would change the rent-control status of a building." So the safeguards are tightly in place, thanks to Prop M. Or are they?

Rai Okamoto, former City Planning Director who was instrumental in establishing residential neighborhood controls in San Francisco, has passed away.



To the editor from William B. Kirkland

I thought I had seen a lot in my middling interesting life, but last night occurred a slap of insulting wackiness that absolutely took my breath away—in our very own area. I thought you and the friends carbon copied below might be interested.

One hour after beginning the planned fifteen-hour Neighborhood Emergency Relief Team Training (NERT) under the auspices of the san Francisco Fire Department, after seeing the slides of the damage caused by recent earthquakes and my resolve firming to go through the training in order to be able to help my neighbors and the City, we were presented with three things:

A request for payment of a fee of \$25: unexpected, but fair enough, says I;

A release of responsibility for the City and the SFPD for any injury I might incur during the training: well, not right, but understandable;

A signed Loyalty Oath to the Government and Constitution of the State of California and to the Government and Constitution of the United States!

What?!

What on earth for? Are there still Communists out there? Might I be called upon not to save them? or, might I purloin government secrets whilst lifting the corner of a house off my 70 year old neighbor? Or, perhaps she will refuse to be saved unless I have been properly sworn?

I've never read the constitution of the State of California; should I sign this oath? Is Proposition 13 an amendment to that Constitution? What else is in it? If I swear allegiance to the State of California do I thereby become complicit in the executions now being carried out. Oh, you see there are so many questions to be answered, simply in order for me to learn how to properly help out my neighbors. So many, and so deep.

And so, naturally, being an honest man, and one unwilling to sign now and ask questions later, I declined to sign; and I cannot now, receive the training that I was willing to pay for in order to help my neighbors and the City.

Please tell me this is a joke, a misunderstanding, the slip of a sleepy bureaucrat's pen. Please tell me steps will be taken to strike this onerous and insulting and silly requirement from the requirements of joining volunteer emergency groups. Please.

Thank You Very Much William Kirkland, citizen

Speaking Out

by William B. Kirkland



10 Things to Do with Kids in Our Neighborhood

By Steve Yoken



Some people think that Telegraph Hill and North Beach are too crowded and too urban for children. In fact, there are lots of resources and activities for children--more than you could find in almost any suburban neighborhood. In researching this article, I was assisted by Daniel Yoken (age 6) and David Yoken (age 3-1/2), who have lived on the Hill for their entire lives.

For new residents, old residents, and visitors, here is a list of ten local attractions for children, in no particular order:

- 1. Washington Square. The two main attractions here are the playground (at the corner of Filbert, Powell, and Columbus) and, for the younger set, chasing pigeons in the park. The playground has a tire swing which is very popular.
- 2. North Beach Playground. Just one block away, at the corner of Greenwich and Columbus, is another larger playground. This one has a separate area for smaller children. The large lower area is the best place in the neighborhood for riding bicycles, tricycles, and scooters. For older kids and their parents, there are tennis courts, basketball courts, and baseball diamonds.
- 3. North Beach Library. The branch library is next to North Beach playground. It offers a large selection of children's books and sometimes has storytelling, movies, and other activities for children.
- 4. North Beach Pool. At this writing, the pool is still open although the City was threatening to close it down. Kids can come here at recreational swim times several times a week, and in the past there have been children's lessons on Saturday mornings and in the summer. An alternative is the Embarcadero YMCA (downtown at Steuart and Howard) which has a large pool and offers swimming lessons for children at low cost.
- 5. Michelangelo Park. The third playground in the neighborhood is a few blocks up Russian Hill at Greenwich and Jones. There is an attractive climbing structure with tube slides, and lots of space to run around in. Problem: there is no bathroom. (THD Board of Directors take note).
- 6. Cappucino. Order steamed milk in a cup and tell your kids it's a cappucino. They will put powdered chocolate on top and won't even care that it's not the hard stuff. Then you can discuss the fine points of animation techniques in the latest Disney movie.
- 7. Coit Tower. The walk up the hill is great for developing leg muscles. Kids love the mural inside, which depicts adults in a variety of jobs. There's even a cowboy! Then ride up the elevator and look for your home through the windows on the observation deck. Maybe you can even impress a tourist by telling her that you live in the neighborhood.

- 8. **The Corner Store.** There are lots of small kid-size grocery stores in the neighborhood, known generically as the "corner store." Always good for a quick outing before bedtime. Many of them even sell what we used to call penny candy (now costs 5 to 25 cents).
- 9. **Thrift Shop.** Kids love presents. At the St. Francis of Assissi Thrift Shop at Vallejo and Columbus, there is a 10 cent gift basket of used toys. Make a child happy for one thin dime.
- 10. Chinatown. Some kids like Chinese food, and some don't. Everyone likes to go to the fish stores, which usually have tanks with live turtles, frogs, fish, and crabs. You can usually buy very fresh fish at a good price too. There is a cluster of fish stores on Grant between Broadway and Pacific.

But there's more! The attractions of the waterfront area are a short walk, drive, or bus ride away:

- 1. Pier 39. Although many local adults avoid this place, there are several attractions for kids. Walk to the end and look at the boats. Go over to the west side to look at the sea lions. Visit the Disney Store and toy stores, but don't buy anything. Watch the street performers juggle fire while riding on a monocycle. Even the arcade has some fun games, if you can stand the noise.
- 2. Angel Island. Near Pier 39, you can take a boat to Angel Island for a picnic or a hike. The loop road is mostly flat and an easy walk even for small children. Adults and older kids will enjoy a walk to the summit. There's also a small museum near the picnic area. If you stay late, watch for deer and raccoons.
- 3. Hyde Street Pier. Kids and adults alike will have a good time poking around in the old ships at this GGNRA facility.
- 4. Aquatic Park. The only sandy beach within walking distance from the neighborhood is at the bottom of Aquatic Park. A perfect place for wading and building sand castles, or just enjoying the scenery.
- 5. Fort Mason. The main attractions here are the Children's Art Center, with classes starting at age 2 (we call it "painting school"), and the Young Performers Theatre which performs plays based on nursery rhymes and other programs for children. Both are in Building C.
- 6. Crissy Field. If you have bikes, a car, and a bike rack, this is the closest place for a longer bike ride. The bike and jogging path goes out to Fort Point under the Golden Gate bridge. There's a beach and a fishing pier for diversion along the way.

6 Things to do with Kids in the Waterfront Area

By Steve Yoken



Hill's Angels

by Lynn Butler

Those of us fortunate enough to live on Telegraph Hill know what a special place it is. It's history, topography, location and cultural diversity make it unique among urban neighborhoods. With all it has to offer, it is a wonderful place to raise a family. When residents, young and old alike, take the time to get to know one another, through local projects and activities, a neighborhood turns into a lively, supportive community.

Hill's Angels, a committee of THD, was formed to bring families together for the fun of neighborhood projects and events. Encouraging our children to become involved in their neighborhood will enable them to meet a variety of people, take pride in where they live, and hopefully, grow up to be citizens who work to preserve the quality of life in their city. The experience of members of all ages is welcome as an example to the "kids", and to connect we older ones with the youth on Telegraph Hill.

THD membership forms have been changed to collect data on families to be used for this purpose. How many children, at what ages, are in your family? This information will make it easier to plan activities targeted to specific age groups, and to notify those interested. We also welcome any ideas or suggestions you might have.

Many of you may have interests or needs on a more individual basis. Perhaps you would like to find a baby-sitter, a tutor, or a tennis partner for your child, or to establish a parenting or playgroup. Conversely, you may be interested in sharing your time or talent with others as a tutor, baby-sitter, etc.

The Telegraph Hill Neighborhood Center at 660 Lombard Street has a bulletin board on its lower level which posts a variety of such notices. The North Beach Library on Mason at Columbus has notices of crafts and reading activities for children posted inside the main entrance. Another board to check is in the new children's store, North Beach Baby, at 468 Green Street. In addition to a wonderful selection of new and used clothing, books and toys, Pamela Battaglini-Pegues has a resource bulletin board with a variety of individuals' services and interests posted.

My daughters and I were delighted to see this new addition to the neighborhood. Hill's Angels encourage you to stop by these locations, and to become involved in your neighborhood.

You can write to us at The Telegraph Hill Dwellers, P.O. Box 330159, S.F.,CA., 94133, attn.: Hill's Angels. You may also call Mia Morrill, the committee chair, at 982-4850 or myself at 441-4332. The committee is always looking for more members if you are interested in organizing.

Francisco Symphony tickets. (There were over 120 responses for only 70 tickets made available at \$7.50 each.)

««Voted to acquire a custom made banner bearing the THD logo at a cost of no more than \$150 for use at the North Beach Fair and other THD events.

««Voted to support The League of San Francisco Neighborhoods regarding opposition to certain elements of the proposed new Residential Conservation Controls (to replace the 1978 Residential Code) pending a review of the specifics. (See President's Letter)

««Voted to request a public hearing of the permit application before the San Francisco Bay Conservation & Development Commission to replace pilings and resurface decking that would extend the useful economic life of a non-water-oriented use within the 100-foot shoreline band at the Franciscan Parking Lot on Pier 43-1/2, and to oppose the issuing of the permit. (Commission subsequently consented to issuance of an administrative permit that does not require a public hearing.) ««Voted to purchase four tickets to the Red Cross Youth for Chinatown Elderly Program awards luncheon on June 22nd.

July 13th Board of Directors Meeting:

««Acknowledged Executive Committee unanimous vote to support the North Beach Chamber of Commerce in opposition to a proposed ordinance amendment that would allow coffee houses in North Beach and Broadway Neighborhood Commercial Districts without application for conditional use subject to a public hearing. (Ordinance Amendment passed by the City Planning Commission was subsequently changed by the Board of Supervisors to require application for conditional use only in North Beach and Broadway districts. The amendment to the proposed amendment was subsequently accepted by the commission.)

««Voted to renew a one-year subscription to the New York Times for the North Beach Branch of the Public Library.

««Voted to make a contribution of \$100 to Jazz in the City in memory of Peter Winslow, 26-year old son of ex-THD President Jane Winslow, who was killed in an automobile accident on June 23rd.

August 10th Board of Directors Meeting:

««Voted to spend up to \$100 for computer programs to handle membership rolls and dues billing for use on secondhand IBM computer that will be donated to the THD.

Board of Directors Motions

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The news is grim. The economy is bleak. The Sunday comics aren't comical. Food is fun but fattening and you have to do the dishes afterwards. What to do for laughs?

Read something funny. Books are low-cal, and when you're finished, unlike food, you don't have to clean up when you're done.

The 817's are hilarious. That's where you will find humorous satire by people like: Erma Bombeck, Russell Baker, and Mark Twain.

For some strange reason books of essays by Cynthia Heimel, Fran Lebowitz and Alice Kahn are in the 814 Dewey decimal numbers. I'm not certain why. Perhaps they are more or less funny than the folks in the 817's.

But it's when you want to read an entire humorous novel that life gets difficult. Libraries shelve books by fiction writers according to their last name. Donald Westlake is plopped next to Edith Wharton—one's funny, one's not.

Fear not dear reader—we have a nifty reference book that can help. The Fiction Catalog lists authors by subject. Here we find over 150 names and titles under the heading "Humor," and another 300 listed under the subject "Satire." Some authors like John Irving and Richard Brautigan have titles listed in both categories (should they be?) Others may not be overly funny or satirical. Should Nabokov's Lolita or Steinbeck's Cannery Row be in the humor section? Is Tolkien's Lord of The Rings a satire? Here's where your local librarian can help. If you like John Irving's tongue-incheekiness, chances are you'll have fun with T. Coraghessan Boyle's imaginative satires. How could Richard Brautigan fans not like Tom Robbins? And if you like those two, you might make the stretch and immerse yourself in the splash-about episodic silliness of John Kennedy Toole's Confederacy of Dunces.

Donleavy's Ginger Man and Fraser's Flashman are outrageous rogues, but they pale by comparison to Hunter Thompson's Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas.

Some authors such as Kurt Vonnegut and Donald Westlake defy comparisons, so you just have to wait for their next book.

Meanwhile come to the library. We cannot absolutely 100% guarantee we have a book that will make you laugh, but we will have something that, at the very least, will be amusing.

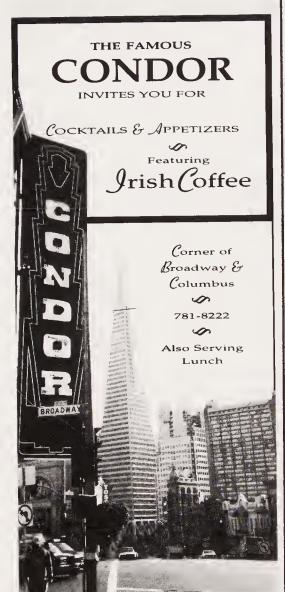
Remember, everything here is low-cal ... and the price is right.

The North Beach Library needs volunteers to take book donations of duplications the Branch cannot use to the Friends of the Library Book Sale Area in Fort Mason. Call Marilyn Goeller, Volunteer Coordinator 557 4256.

What's So Funny at the Library?

by Gardner Haskell







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THD's Library Committee Plans Authors' Nights

by Lea Ann Garrison Library Chair



Hill Walks Coming in October The Telegraph Hill Dwellers Library Committee has returned! And to kick it off, Bob Tibbits, June Fraps and I recently met with Gardner Haskell, the North Beach Library Manager.

One of the projects the committee will be pursuing is the advent of "North Beach Writers' Nights" at the library, where a local author will present a reading or discussion of his or her latest publication. In conjunction with these events, the library would like to establish a North Beach Authors' Shelf in the library.

In addition, we hope to publish a "wish list" for the library in each issue of The Semaphore. The current wish list includes donated paperbacks, particularly mysteries and new romance novels. Also needed are boxes for storing donated books until they can be shelved or sent on the Friends of the Library for sale at the Book Bay in Fort Mason. You can take the paperbacks (in boxes, perhaps) directly to the library at 2000 Mason.

Telegraph Hill Dwellers donates a subscription to the *New York Times* to the library. Are there other publications you'd like to see there, or would consider donating (a full or partial subscription)?

For those who may not know, the current hours for the North Beach Library are Monday and Tuesday, 10 to 6; Wednesday, 1 to 9; and Thursday and Friday, 1 to 6.

We plan to have a full committee meeting soon to map out the authors' nights and develop other projects. If you'd like to join the committee, please call me at 693-0662. Here's to an active fall at the North Beach Library!

City Guides are staging neighborhood walks in October, including an excursions in our neighborhood.

Meet Lori Reeser at the Marconi monument, Lombard and Telegraph Hill Boulevard on Thursday, October 14 at 5:30 p.m. for an after work stroll that will reward you with some of the best views Telegraph Hill offers. Lori's repeating the walk Saturday, October 23 at 2:30, starting at the same place.

The tour features the history of the hill, where some of the city's oldest houses survive, as well as some tales you may not have heard before. If you've got some tall tales to add yourself, so much the better.

Literay tours of North Beach start from City Lights Books at 10 a.m., October 2 and 21.

For a complete schedule of City Guides Neighborhood Walks, stop by the North Beach Library late in September.



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If you had a sinking feeling of inadequacy when the '89 earthquake hit, you're a prime candidate for NERT. Some of your are already NERTs and hope you'll join them.

Sponsored by the San Francisco Fire Departmentn NERT is a program to train residents to prepare for response to emergencies, and to work with city emergency services in a disaster.

Before the Next One, Be Prepared, Take NERT Training

Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) training includes pre-disaster planning, basic first aid and firefighting techniques, and light search and rescue training. The 5-week program (one 3-hour class per week) concludes with a "hands-on" practice session at the San Francisco Fire College.

The rewards? Your very own hardhat and reflective vest identifying you as a Response Team member, and the knowledge that someone in your block knows how to cope in an emergency.

While funding for the training is limited, with the City's current budget crisis, the program is slated to continue. A group of THDers finished a training session at Fort Mason in August and another is scheduled to begin in October. Cost is \$25 per person.

If you're interested in enrolling in either of these classes, please call June Fraps, 392-1187.



A New Look at the Old Hill

"Telegraph Hill '93" is a new effort of long-time THD member and photographer, Stewart Bloom. It's a poster featuring Telegraph Hill in 1893 (photographer unknown) and 1993 (photo by Stewart).

Look for landmarks (your house?) and reflect on the changes that earthquake, fire and some frantic building have wrought on our neighborhood.

Posters, and companion notecards, are available at Postermat, 401 Columbus.



Nov. 3
"Word Jazz Too"
for Pete Winslow

"Word Jazz Too," an evening of jazz and poetry with Ken Nordine and Alphabet Soup, will honor Pete Winslow, a musician and son of former THD president, Jane Winslow. Pete was killed in a traffic accident in June.

Sponsored by Jazz in the City, the concert will be held at Bimbo's 365 Club, with performances at 8 and 10:30 p.m. November 3. Tickets are available through BASS.



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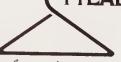
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Waterfront Project Status Report

bt Bob Tibbits



The Chief Administrator's Office has released preliminary schedules for construction of various elements of the North Embarcadero segment of the Waterfront Transportation Project.

Site preparation for the surface roadway with F-Line street-car tracks and palm trees on the median from Broadway to North Point Street started in July with the removal of the old Belt Line Railroad tracks. This extends from Fisherman's Wharf to King Street at the South Beach Marina. The southern segment is to be completed as far north as Folsom Street by June next year.

The North Embarcadero roadway at the foot of Telegraph Hill will be opened to North Point Street by February of 1995. Construction of the Fisherman's Wharf turnaround loop for the F-Line will not begin until June 1995. Continuing from North Point Street this final leg will run along the Embarcadero and the north side of Jefferson Street to Jones Street where the tracks then loop south to Beach Street and return to the Embarcadero.

Roadway replacing the Embarcadero Freeway from Howard to Broadway awaits environmental review next May. Design and building of this project, assuming a low cost surface roadwayat the Ferry Building, will be completed in 1998, just under a decade after the Loma Prieta Earthquake ruined the original.

New bridge ramp schemes are included in the environmental impact studies. Selection of a design alternative to replacing the Terminal Separators, the last link to the Bay Bridge and I-80 from the Embarcadero, will be made next Fall. These new ramps could be completed in 1998

The \$89 million replication of the TTS proposed by CalTrans may have been completed a little sooner, because no EIR was contemplated. However, it would not have been able to connect with the Embarcadero until the Mid-Embarcadero Replacement Project was completed five

years from now, or as late as 2000 if a very costly underground alternative were to be selected.

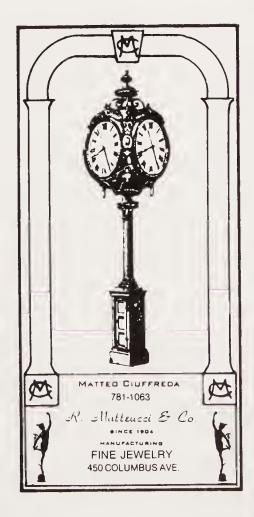


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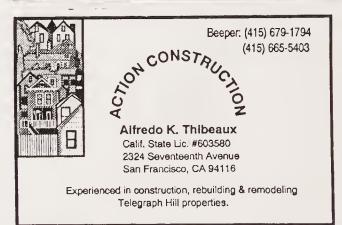
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The Telegraph Hill Wilderness

by Muriel Leff



We have had the privilege of experiencing a second Spring on Lombard Street. Much remains the same. The yuppies in their office jobs continue to ignore the Hispanics who clean, scrub, sweep, and haul to keep the neighborhood nice. The members of the numerous Health Clubs run and jog in shorts and tee shirts, displaying their new-found muscularity.

The colors on the Hill changed over the year, first to a variety of greens and then faded to shades of browns and beiges. Spring 1993 came so differently from 1992. The torrential rains in April and May brought a change in vegetation.

The Scotch Broom unfortunately spread over more than one-half of the Hill. With it came rosy, pink and white Juniper's Beard. The orange Poppies blossomed, and they contrasted nicely with the scotch Broom's bright yellow and then, of course, the White Yarrow, the purple Echium. The surprise was a river of Buddleyia, the Butterfly Bush—large bushes with cone-shaped flowers, shading from deep purple to lavender. With the profusion of Fennel, came more varieties and numbers of butterflies.

As for the birds, the robins come back first and sing continuously. Of course, sparrows, warblers, juncos sing for us with varied tunes. They were silent during the winter. Luis Baptists, the internationally known orthologist, says the birds' testratones fall when the day is shorter, and they don't sing in the darker months. The cliff swallows and Barn Swallows went to South America. A much smaller number returned.

In late May the raven-fledglings played, "You can't catch me" until the parents gave up and rested on the rock they had used last year. The mourning dove made a nest of twigs near the outdoor light fixture. The mother sat contentedly on the nest until three eggs hatched. Daily from 4:30 to 5:30, the red-headed parrots fly into their chosen tree before they return to Dolores Park.

So, friends! Who has a list of birds and flowers and butterflies and rocks on Telegraph Hill? If there is not an existing one, how about someone volunteering to do this pleasant assignment? We live in this wonderful city, but we don't have to give up our interaction with Nature—no, not those of us who live on this blessed Hill.



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